

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket Nos. 7532 and 7564

Investigation into the rates charged by the Town)
of Readsboro Electric Light Department in re:)
possible deviation from approved rates and)
accuracy of the calculation of refunds previously)
issued)
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and)
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Investigation into Town of Readsboro Electric)
Light Department's tariff filing requesting a)
24.46% rate increase, to take effect)
October 1, 2009)

Order entered: 10/21/2009

PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM AND SCHEDULING ORDER

A prehearing conference in these dockets was held on October 6, 2009. Appearances were entered by Elijah Emerson, Esq., Primmer, Piper, Eggleston, & Cramer, PC, for the Town of Readsboro Electric Light Department ("Readsboro Electric"), and Laura Beliveau, Esq., for the Vermont Department of Public Service ("Department"). The parties presented a draft schedule, and discussed possible modifications to that schedule.

At the prehearing conference, both Readsboro Electric and the Department expressed support for the consolidation of these dockets for purposes of hearings. I agreed to consolidate the dockets for the purposes of hearings and, accordingly, the schedule below applies to the issues under consideration in both dockets.

On October 7, 2009, Readsboro Electric filed a proposed schedule reflecting the discussions at the prehearing conference. I hereby adopt that schedule with the following modifications. Motions to intervene will be due one day earlier than proposed and I have also added a deadline for parties to respond to motions to intervene. The schedule is as follows:

October 30, 2009	Readsboro Electric files direct testimony.
November 13, 2009	Department serves first round of discovery on Petitioner.
November 18, 2009	Public Hearing
November 24, 2009	Deadline for motions to intervene.
December 1, 2009	Responses to motions to intervene.
December 4, 2009	Readsboro Electric responds to first round of discovery.
December 11, 2009	Department and Intervenors serve second round of discovery on Petitioner.
December 24, 2009	Readsboro Electric responds to second round of discovery.
January 15, 2010	Department and Intervenors file direct testimony.
January 22, 2010	Readsboro Electric serves first round of discovery on Department and Intervenors.
February 5, 2010	Department and Intervenors respond to first round of discovery.
February 12, 2010	Readsboro Electric serves second round of discovery on Department and Intervenors.
February 26, 2010	Department and Intervenors respond to second round of discovery.
March 12, 2010	Readsboro Electric files rebuttal testimony.
March 19, 2010	Department and Intervenors serve discovery on Readsboro Electric's rebuttal testimony.
April 2, 2010	Readsboro Electric responds to discovery on rebuttal testimony.
April 9, 2010	Department and Intervenors file rebuttal testimony.
April 16, 2010	Readsboro Electric serves discovery on rebuttal testimony filed by the Department and Intervenors.
April 30, 2010	Department and Intervenors respond to discovery on rebuttal testimony.

Technical hearings will be scheduled for the week of May 10, 2010. The briefing schedule will be determined at the technical hearings. As discussed at the prehearing conference, on October 16, 2009, Readsboro Electric made a filing with the Vermont Public Service Board in which it agreed to waive the seven-month deadline for a final order pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 227.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 21st day of October, 2009.

s/Andrea C. McHugh
Andrea C. McHugh
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: October 21, 2009

ATTEST: s/Judith C. Whitney
Deputy Clerk of the Board

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